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1. SAITO, a Lt. General of the 5 Kwantung Army in Manchuria, was promoted to that rank about 1 July 1945. He was the general in command of the Tungan Divisional Headquarters. [It was previously reported that the Japanese 25 Division was stationed in Tungan.] His superior was General KITA Seichi (喜多誠一), Commander of the 5 Army. [It was previously reported that Lt General SHIMIZU Noritsune was the Commanding General of the Japanese 5 Army on 1 March 1945.] SAITO is about 52 or 53 years old. Under his command at the Tungan Divisional Headquarters, previous to the surrender, were the following units (Butai): 25252 and 25253 Infantry Units, a field artillery unit, the 626 Cavalry Unit, a medical unit and a military police unit (Kempeitai). General KITA was taken by the Soviets at Tunhua, but SAITO's Divisional Headquarters troops moved with SAITO into the mountains east of Tunhua.

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2. In December 1946 YAMADA stated that SAITO was among the hold-out troops at Changpaishan (128-05, 42-01).

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3. At the end of the war in 1945 SAITO's unit moved with him in the direction of Tunhua from Tungan (127-35, 47-35). They spent the winter in the vicinity of the Sungari reservoir lakes, hiding from the Soviets. In August 1946 the strength of this entire unit hidden in the hills by the lakes was approximately 3700. In September 1946, because of some rumors of repatriation, approximately 1700 of these troops, led by Major FUJII Mitsugi (藤井 実), left the unit and

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filtered through by twos and threes for repatriation at Changchun and Mukden. The remaining 2,000 with SAITO as their leader surrendered with their weapons to the Chinese Communist 8th Route Army at Taheishan (124-07, 40-01) about 15 September 1946. As second in command of this group surrendering to the 8th Route Army was a Major TOJO (東條); also a Major HONDA (本多), two captains and about 10 cadet officers.

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